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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Daily Log

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[] reports that the Zog hearing before the Egyptian customs court was held on 4 January as scheduled, but that Zog personally was not required to appear. His lawyers protested that the customs claim of 10,000 pounds Egyptian was "outrageous" and requested the court to overrule the customs administration. The court took the matter under advisement and set a new hearing for 1 May. According to Zog's lawyers, he may post a deposit of 10,000 Egyptian pounds against the final judgement and depart, obtaining a refund if the subsequent judgement is favorable. Moreover, under Egyptian law, specific charges of tax violation must be made prior to 26 January or his gold and papers must be released and his departure permitted. [] suggests that if the moderate attitude of the customs court resulted from CIA's intervention in his behalf, Zog be urged to settle his customs case either by payment or deposit and immediately after 26 January to apply for exit visas and permission to export his gold and jewelry, leaving Egypt without delay. (C [] dtd 7 Jan 54, IN 47409)

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